

AFP investigation puts a questionmark over thousands of arrests suggest TROJAN RAT data experts Fifteen Communications.

TROJAN RAT Stalking software lets stalkers monitor actions, create SMS, e-mail and other digital content seemingly authored by their victims, use the device to steal important information, even access the camera and microphone.



Melbourne, Victoria Apr 26, 2024 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - According to the AFP 12 April 2024 media release, the AFP has been working hard to dismantle TROJAN RAT Stalking software networks. Fifteen Communications commend the 4-year investigation believing it to be a testament to the AFP's clever policing, and their joint venture with the FBI offering the organisation unique insight into Trojan RAT Stalking software, in particular, the threat that stalkers and hackers can easily gain full control of a victim's devices and influence all of their electronic communication.

On 12 April 2024, Commander Sue Evans announced that the creators of TROJAN RAT Stalking software (The Firebird Remote Access Trojan) had been arrested in a joint investigation between the AFP and the FBI.

Fifteen Communications suggests that Commander Sue Evan's 12 April 2024 media release could put a question mark on thousands of AFP arrests given the AFP may have inadvertently misled Australian Courts as to the reliability of electronic evidence in thousands of arrests made since 2020.

TROJAN RAT Stalking software, such as the FIREBIRD RAT Stalking software, [offers stalkers complete control of a device](#), providing them a simple interface to access their victims' devices, allowing

the stalker to do almost anything with the device. Stalkers can monitor all actions on the device, create SMS, e-mail and other digital content seemingly authored by their victims, use the device to commit a crime or steal important information, even access the camera and microphone at their leisure.

[Computers, tablets and mobile phones can all fall victim to Trojan RAT Stalking software and Stalkers gain the ability to;](#)

- View the victim's phone screen in real time
- Look through the phone camera
- View all content
- Send and block SMS content
- Change settings
- Upload and delete content
- Draft and send e-mails
- Make calls
- Access and utilise apps
- Take screenshots and photos
- Edit images
- Upload and download photos

[According to their annual report](#), the AFP makes around 744 arrests annually. This equates to approximately 2,976 arrests since the AFP commenced their investigation into the TROJAN RAT Stalking threat (The Firebird Remote Access Trojan) in 2020.

Fifteen Communications suggests SMS messages, emails and other electronic communication have likely been presented as primary evidence in several of the 2,976 arrests conducted whilst the Firebird Remote Access Trojan investigation was on foot. They also suggest that the AFP ought to have been aware of the TROJAN RAT Stalking threat ahead of the first major TROJAN RAT investigation, pushing the number of questionable arrests skyward.

Withholding evidence from the court, such as intimate knowledge of TROJAN RAT Stalking technology, is a crime in Australia.

Fifteen Communications asserts that it is both unjust and immoral for the AFP to neglect to share their intimate knowledge about the scale and potential impact of TROJAN RAT Stalking software on electronic communications with the court. Fifteen Communications believes it's the responsibility of all parties to ensure a fair trial. For the AFP to be the only party in the courtroom to hold such important information as to the reliability of evidence is unprecedented.

Fifteen Communications believe a conservative estimate would count 293,000 of the 22.5 million global installs of Trojan RAT Stalking software to have occurred on Australian shores. This calculation is based on Australian [GitHub.com users equaling 1.3% of the Github.com market](#) (Github.com being the most popular clear website that developers deploy the TROJAN RAT Stalking software).

Assuming each TROJAN RAT Stalking install is used to stalk 5 victims annually, we can estimate 1,467,000 victims of stalking via Trojan RAT Stalking software in Australia per year. Increasing by 5% YOY.

[Based on our population of 25.98 million](#), 5% of Australians are currently impacted by Trojan RAT Stalking software.



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